

Application No.: 09/843,051
Reply to Office Action of: August 9, 2005

REMARKS

Claims 1-4, and 8-13. By this Amendment, claim 21 is cancelled, and claim 1 has been amended. The amended claims set is provided herewith.

Claim 21, which was withdrawn from consideration, has been cancelled herein.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the thorough and helpful comments provided in the August 9, 2005 office action.

Rejection over Speicher

Claims 1, 2, 4, and 11-13 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over Speicher et al. U.S. 4,603,705. Claims 3 and 8-10 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Speicher et al., U.S. Patent No. 4,603,705. Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections.

Applicant has amended claim 1 to add at least one ring electrode and specify that the coil electrode and the at least one ring electrode are configured to "provide electrical stimulation to the at least one sacral nerve in an amount and manner sufficient to provide therapy for a pelvic floor disorder to the patient". The device of Speicher does not disclose or suggest a device that includes a coil electrode and at least one ring electrode that is configured to provide electrical stimulation to the at least one sacral nerve, as is recited in claim 1. Because the remainder of the rejected claims, claims 2, 4, and 11-13; and 3 and 8-10, are dependent on claim 1 they are also not anticipated by or obvious over Speicher. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Rejection over Schear

Claims 1, 2, 4, 8, and 10-13 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Schear, U.S. Patent No. 6,251,107. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

Applicant has amended claim 1 to add at least one ring electrode and specify that the coil electrode and the at least one ring electrode are configured to "provide electrical stimulation to the at least one sacral nerve in an amount and manner sufficient to provide therapy for a pelvic

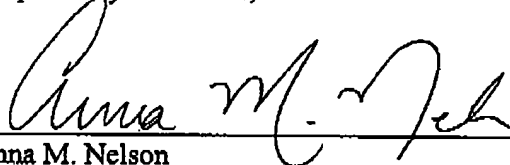
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floor disorder to the patient". The device of Schear does not disclose or suggest a device that includes a coil electrode and at least one ring electrode that is configured to provide electrical stimulation to the at least one sacral nerve, as is recited in claim 1. Because the remainder of the rejected claims, claims 2, 4, 8, and 10-13, are dependent on claim 1 they are also not obvious over Schear. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing amendments, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the claims as all rejections have been overcome. Early notice of allowability is kindly requested. The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone at 763.505.0409 or by E-mail at anna.m.nelson@medtronic.com with any questions or comments.

Please grant any extension of time if necessary for entry; charge any fee due to Deposit Account No. 13-2546.

Respectfully submitted,



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